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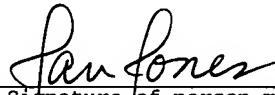
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No fees are believed to be due at this time. To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during prosecution of this application, including petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including any under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP (Dallas) and reference Attorney Docket No. 129843-1104. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

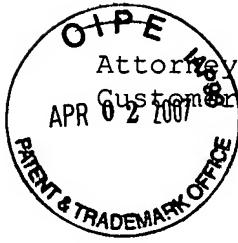
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in reply to an Office Action mailed December 27, 2006, that established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed.

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In view of the following remarks and arguments provided herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims pending in their Application.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application as provided in:

Amendments to the Claims that begin on page 3;

Remarks that begin on page 5; and

Conclusion that begins on page 11 of this paper.